success nor public sympathy. The Government could not possibly acquiesce in any sort of outside interference in matters concerning its relations with its own employees

Mr. Bhupalam R. CHANDRASEKHARAYYA requested that Government might at least consider the question of extending the benefits of the provident fund scheme to labourers in receipt of 12 annas or more as wages.

Mr. N. MADHAVA RAU replied that there was no such scheme in the majority of cases. Even in private establishments, such benefit was rarely given, so that the railway employees could not say that they alone were denied benefits which labourers everywhere else were enjoying. There was no use merely asking for more privileges without being clear in their own minds as to what exactly were the privileges they aspired for. However, this was a detail which need not be gone into in connection with the question under discussion.

At this stage (12-10 p.m.) the House rose for the day to meet again at 12 noon on Monday, 5th June 1939.

SIXTH DAY.

Monday, 5th June 1939.

The House reassembled at the Jagan Mohan Palace Pavilion on Monday, 5th June 1939, at 12 of the clock, Mr. President (*Amin-ul-Mulk* Sir Mirza M. Ismail, K.C.I.E., O.B.E., Dewan) in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—*contd.*

Raising the Level of the Waste-Weir of the Dharmasagar Tank.

Q.—16. **Messrs. G. RAMIAH** (Koratagere Taluk) and **Patel DODDE GOWDA** (Gubbi Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it has come to their notice by means of petitions and oral representations that the Dharmasagar tank in Koratagere Taluk, though full, does not supply sufficient water even for one crop;

(*b*) whether it is not a good idea to store water in this tank by raising the level by one or two feet so as to enable atchkatdars to make use of the water in Jayamangali River which will be in floods every year;

(*c*) whether the atchkatdars of this tank have not agreed to pay half the charges if the tank is raised by one or two feet;

(*d*) the reasons for not taking up such beneficial works?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT** (Diwan Bahadur N. N. Ayyangar).—

(*a*) Yes, for raising the level of the waste-weir.

(*b*) This has been done in 1930 by raising the level of the weir by 2 feet.

(*c*) No *mutchalikas* have been executed.

(*d*) Further raising of the weir by one foot will cost Rs. 9,000 and the return is as low as 1·7 per cent.

Mr. G. RAMIAH.—What is the atchkat of the tank?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—168 acres wet and 105 acres bagayet.

Mr. G. RAMIAH.—With reference to answer (*b*), is the water now available sufficient to serve the entire atchkat?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Not quite enough. The waste-weir is to be repaired and the estimate of cost comes

to Rs. 9,000. If the raiyats pay half the cost, the work can be taken up.

Mr. G. RAMIAH.—Are there any other anecuts across the Jayamangali River?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Notice.

Mr. G. RAMIAH.—Are not the Government aware that when the river is in floods, water from this tank flows up to a height of 8 to 10 feet and that all the water flows into British India?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—That is true. That is why, as I said, if half the cost is contributed by the raiyats, the work can be put on hand.

Mr. G. RAMIAH.—Formerly, the raiyats' contribution used to be only one-third of the total cost. Why should they be called upon to contribute as much as one-half now?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Even now, if they contribute at least one-third the cost, the question can be considered and the waste-weir raised by one foot.

Mr. G. RAMIAH.—It is a fertile area, and the garden lands will be very much benefited if the waste-weir can be raised by 2 feet.

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—The estimate now prepared is for raising the weir by one foot. If it has to be raised by 2 feet, naturally the cost will be much more.

Mr. G. RAMIAH.—We shall give the necessary contribution.

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Then we shall consider the question.

Mr. J. ASWATHANARAYANA RAO.—Why not prepare a scheme for raising the level of the waste-weirs or anecuts in all the cases in which water flows into the British territory?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—That would be a desirable thing, no doubt.

Irrigation Facilities to Thondavadi Village.

Q.—18. Mr. K. C. SUBBANNA (Gundlupet Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether arrangements have been made for constructing an anecut for providing irrigation facilities to Thondavadi village, Gundlupet Taluk;

(*b*) if so, which is the site selected for the purpose;

(*c*) the extent which would become irrigable;

(*d*) the extent of wet lands that might come under submersion by the proposed anecut;

(*e*) whether there would be any need for the construction of this anecut if a dam be built across Mulehole in this taluk (Gundlupet Taluk);

(*f*) whether representations have not been made often in the Representative Assembly for the construction of an anecut across this Mulehole;

(*g*) whether it has received the consideration of Government at any time; if so, what action has been taken?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Diwan Bahadur N. N. Ayyangar).—

(*a*) to (*d*) The project is under investigation.

(*e*) Yes. Construction of an anecut across the Mulehole will not help Thondavadi lands.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) Yes. But the project is not feasible as it involves a deep cutting of a ridge.

Mr. K. C. SUBBANNA.—Which is the site selected for the project?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—The investigation is not yet complete.

Mr. K. C. SUBBANNA.—What are the grounds on which the answer to (*e*) is based?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—It is based on facts.

Mr. K. C. SUBBANNA.—What is the height of the river-bed from sea-level?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—The Mulehole is 2,738 feet above sea-level.

Mr. K. C. SUBBANNA.—And what is the height of the Thondavadi village?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Notice.

Mr. K. C. SUBBANNA.—Is it not on a lower level?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—May be; but there are two high ridges on the way.

Mr. K. C. SUBBANNA.—Is there no anecut across the river in the Heggadevankote Taluk?